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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, MNUC, NATO
SUBJECT: ER AND ARMS CONTROL: SALT CONSULTATIONS

REF: STATE 306912 (1977)

1. DCM CLARIFIED THE POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL PARAS 1 AND 2 WITH BLECH JANUARY 5.
2. BLECH SAID THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS SENDING INSTRUCTIONS TO VON STADEN RE FURTHER STEPS IN SALT CONSULTATIONS. BLECH HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, AND THE MAIN CONCERN ON THE FRG SIDE IS THE EFFICIENCY OF THE CONSULTATIONS.

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THIS MEANT THAT, WHEREAS PREVIOUSLY THE FRG HAD SOME PREFERENCE FOR BILATERALS, THEY ARE NOW PREPARED TO ACCEPT TRILATERALS IF THIS IS THE U.S. AND BRITISH WISH. THE FRG DOES NOT WANT TO TAKE ANY INITIATIVE IN THE MATTER, OUT OF CONSIDERATION FOR THE FRENCH, AND THEY DO NOT THINK THE BRITISH WISH TO TAKE AN INITIATIVE EITHER. THE MAIN POINT FOR THE FRG,

HOWEVER, GENSCHER HAD MADE CLEAR TO BLECH, IS THAT THE CONSULTATIONS GO FORWARD WITHOUT DELAY AND EFFECTIVELY. BLECH SAID HE UNDERSTOOD INTERNAL U.S. MEETINGS WERE NOW BEING HELD IN WASHINGTON TO CONSIDER FURTHER STEPS IN THE CONSULTATION PROCESS, AND THE FRG WANTS US TO BE AWARE OF WHERE THEY STAND.

3. BLECH ADDED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO DEVISE SOME METHOD OF KEEPING THE FRENCH INFORMED EVEN THOUGH THEY HAD NOT AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN CONSULTATIONS, AND HE ASSUMED THE U.S. WOULD BE ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE ALSO.

4. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT TO LONDON AND PARIS AND OTHER INFO ADDRESSEES REFTEL AS DESIRED.

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